

<b>AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY</b>		<b>Meeting Date:</b>	July 18, 2016
		<b>Meeting Type:</b>	Regular
		<b>Department:</b>	DPW/City Attorney
		<b>Staff Contact:</b>	Anette Spickard/Mary Bridget Smith
<b>SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL</b>		<b>Staff Phone No:</b>	726-3697/746-9621
		<b>Estimated Time:</b>	05 Minutes
<b>ITEM TITLE:</b>	RESOLUTION FOR A BALLOT TITLE TO INCREASE THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX BY 3 CENTS PER GALLON		
<b>ACTION REQUESTED:</b>	Adopt/not adopt the following resolution: A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY A BALLOT MEASURE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX BY 3 CENTS PER GALLON.		
<b>ISSUE STATEMENT:</b>	To begin to address high priority unfunded projects in the Street Preservation and Repair project list, the City Council is proposing an increase in the local fuel tax in Springfield by \$.03 per gallon, from \$.03 to \$.06 per gallon.		
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Attachment 1: Resolution w/Ballot Title as Exhibit A		
<b>DISCUSSION/ FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	<p>Since 2008, staff have briefed the Council regularly on the decline in pavement condition quality of the City's roadway system resulting from the elimination of the City's street preservation program due to stagnation of local and state fuel taxes, and the loss of County payments supported by revenues under the Secure Rural Schools Act of 2000. In 2008, 19% of the City's streets were in poor condition. As of the 2015 Street Condition Survey, 51% of the City's streets were in poor condition.</p> <p>On January 25, 2016 Council reviewed the list of unfunded high priority street preservation and repair projects and directed staff to conduct a scientific voter survey regarding voter opinion on a fuel tax increase or a property tax increase to fund street preservation and repair. On June 20, 2016 the Council received the results of the survey showing support for a fuel tax increase and very little support for a property tax increase. Council gave direction to staff to present a resolution and ballot title for a three cent fuel tax increase at the July 18, 2016 Regular Meeting for their adoption to refer this item to the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot.</p>		

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OREGON**  
**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY A BALLOT MEASURE  
AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN THE SPRINGFIELD MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX BY  
3 CENTS PER GALLON.**

As the preamble to this Resolution, the Common Council of the City of Springfield, Oregon (the "City") hereby recites the matters set forth below. To the extent any of the following recitals relates to a finding or determination which must be made by the Common Council in connection with the subject matter of this Resolution or any aspect thereof, the Common Council declares that by setting forth such recital such finding or determination is thereby made by the Common Council. The recitals, findings and determinations set forth herein constitute a part of this Resolution.

**(1) POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.** That the City is a municipality and political subdivision organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Oregon and the 2001 Springfield City Charter (the "Charter").

**(2) NEED FOR INCREASE IN MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX.** The Common Council has determined that there is need for an increase in the motor vehicle fuel tax by 3 cents per gallon to begin addressing the backlog of street preservation and repair projects in the City for the public safety, health, convenience and necessity of the public. Existing funding is inadequate to address the backlog of street repair and preservation projects. A 2015 street condition report determined that 51% of Springfield's streets are in poor condition. Without the funds, Springfield streets will continue to deteriorate. Street preservation and repair is less costly now than street reconstruction will be in the future. City repair and preservation projects funded by this tax increase would include slurry seal, overlay, restriping, crack seal, and other preservation projects to extend the usable life of the roadway on local, collector, and arterial streets within the City. No additional City staff would be employed as a result of this tax increase. The City will publish an annual report to the citizens of the projects completed with these additional funds.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SPRINGFIELD AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF BALLOT MEASURE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN  
THE CITY MOTOR FUEL TAX BY 3 CENTS PER GALLON.** The Common Council of the City hereby directs that at the General Election on November 8 2016, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City a measure authorizing an increase in the motor vehicle fuel tax by 3 cents per gallon. The Ballot Title is attached hereto as Exhibit A ("the Ballot Title").

**SECTION 2. SUBMISSION TO ELECTIONS OFFICER.** The City Recorder, as the Chief Elections Officer of the City, shall submit to the County Clerk for Lane County, Oregon, a statement of the ballot measure together with a certified copy of this Resolution and the Ballot Title, all in order that the measure may appear on the ballot for the General Election held on November 8, 2016. The City Recorder shall submit to the County Clerk all necessary

information, and shall do and perform all other acts and things necessary or appropriate, so that the measure shall appear on the ballot for such General Election.

**SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS.** The City Manager, the City Recorder, the City Finance Director, and the City Attorney, and each of them acting individually, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the City, to do and perform all acts and things necessary or appropriate to cause the ballot measure set forth in Exhibit A to appear on the ballot of the November 8, 2016, General Election and to otherwise carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVENESS OF RESOLUTION.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Common Council of the City and approval by the Mayor.

**ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AT A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 18, 2016 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAYS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Christine Lundberg, Mayor

Attest:

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Amy Sowa, City Recorder

## **EXHIBIT A BALLOT TITLE**

**CAPTION:** Imposes a 3 cents per gallon motor fuel tax increase

**QUESTION:** Shall Springfield increase its motor vehicle fuel tax from 3 cents to 6 cents per gallon?

**STATEMENT:**

The City is responsible for maintaining a street system that provides safe and reliable travel, and supports business. Existing funding is inadequate to address the backlog of street repair and preservation projects. A 2015 street condition report determined that 51% of Springfield's streets are in poor condition. The proposed tax increase would raise approximately \$1.1 million per year and would be dedicated to the reduction of the backlog of street repair and preservation projects.

Approval of this Measure would increase the tax rate on motor vehicle fuel sold, used, or distributed in the City from 3 cents per gallon to 6 cents per gallon. An annual report would be published to document projects funded by the increased fuel tax revenue.

For more information go to [www.springfield-or.gov](http://www.springfield-or.gov)

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**

Measure raises \$1.1 million annually and allows the City to reduce a backlog of street repair and preservation projects through 3 cents per gallon motor fuel tax increase.

If approved by voters, the tax rate on motor vehicle fuel sold, used, or distributed in the City increases from 3 cents per gallon to 6 cents per gallon.

Street preservation is less expensive than street reconstruction. City repair and preservation projects would include slurry seal, overlay, restriping, crack seal, and other preservation projects to extend the usable life of the roadway on local, collector, and arterial streets within the City.

Revenue generated from a fuel tax increase would reduce the backlog of repair and preservation projects. No additional City staff would be employed as a result of this measure. Annual project reports published.

The 3 cents per gallon tax increase implemented no earlier than January 2017.

For more information about street repair and preservation projects go to [www.springfield-or.gov](http://www.springfield-or.gov)